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RESTORATION AND ENVIRONMENTAL UPGRADATION OF GUMTI PARK - LADO SARAI

Demonstration project

The Conservation Unit, DDA prepared a conservation & landscape plan for Gumti and the surrounding area. The objective was to achieve a cognizable urban nodal point by introducing an iconic & heritage sensitive urban image where the local of the area feel proud of being associated with rejuvenated part of the history. The restoration work was taken up by INTACH-Delhi Chapter.



State of neglect

The Lado Sarai tomb restored....



....to its Lost glory



Minarets reconstructed



before



after

consolidation of arches with rubble masonry and by using lime based material and traditional techniques.



- * Consolidation of the dome
- * Re-molding of the lotus cresting
- * Replacing the missing tiles



The Restoration Work

The Gumti was in a state of disrepair and neglect with leaking roofs, broken arches, loose lime plaster and the dark sooted roof and broken understructure. The restoration and consolidation work was carried out in accordance with the international charters and conventions. Lime based material and traditional techniques were used for the repair and restoration work.

Local Response

The project had been received by the locals very positively, more for reviving the monument and the landscape, largely frequented by children and the elderly in the evenings. The restoration work done by DDA is a clear indication of understanding and intention in protecting the unprotected built heritage for the user and the generations to come.

The Landscape Work

Heritage Landscape done by in-house architectural, engineering and horticulture expertise which include pathways, flower beds, dressing and re-contouring of the area to facilitate rainwater harvesting, with a limited time span of four months. The water collection potential of the area was kept in mind for the rainy season of the year. Therefore a mix of covering material were used for achieving a balanced run-off coefficient such as concrete pavers for low gradients and grass cover for higher gradient.

The slope of the whole site is designed for facilitating ground water recharge through an existing ditch.



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